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"Down the Road with the SGA/AGE"

By: Erika Mieto
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The staff and executive of the Students' General Association (SGA/AGE) are currently conducting a survey to review our programming and services done during first term.

We hope that the responses and suggestions generated from our survey will help to improve our services and events for students second term. Questionnaires are available in our office and can be returned to our office or drop off in our yellow suggestion box located outside our

doors. Also, the SGA/AGE welcomes letters of suggestions, comments, and concerns, this is one of our main reasons for the implementation of our yellow suggestion box. The suggestion box was introduced by this year's executive with the purposes of allowing open communication with SGA/AGE students.

We understand that not all students may feel comfortable approaching our office with comments or concerns, and some of our students get their thoughts across better on paper. Time constraints also make it difficult to drop by our office during the day, so leaving a note in our box becomes more convenient. So if you

have suggestions for programming, concerns, or comments for the SGA/AGE please make use of our yellow suggestion box located outside of our office.

For all of our pub patrons, the Pub Downunder will be closed after December 13th for the Christmas holidays, and will reopen on Wednesday January 7th for the New Year. The SGA/AGE office will be open until Friday December 12th, and will reopen for January 5th, 2004. On behalf of the Students' General Association I would like to wish all our students the best luck during exams, happy holidays, and all the best for the New Year 2004!

"Everyone needs a bear hug"

By: Dawn Van Daele
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On December 9, 2001, Wendy Parnell, a very dear friend and co-worker passed away from cancer. The last few years of Wendy's teaching career was spent at Jessie Hamilton Public School; before that she taught in Webbwood and Nairn School. She was a wonderful and caring individual; along with her students, she fundraised and donated items to the NERCC children's room.

Each year to carry on Wendy's legacy, we have collected new teddy bears.

These teddy bears have been given to hospitals and organizations that assist children. This year teddy bears will be given to the North Eastern

Regional Cancer Centre, St. Joseph's Hospital-Paediatric Floor, EMS, CAS, Air and Land Ambulance and the TD Toy Bank.

If you would like to provide a bear hug for a child, please contact Dawn Van Daele or Dona Aubin - Beary Grateful individuals at Lively District Secondary School. Thank you.



Secret News Off-Campus; No Rez Kids Allowed!

By: John "Doc" Livingstone

It's been a great year already for the Laurentian Off-Campus Students' association and we're only halfway through it. Every one of us in the LOCS executive want to thank all those who attended our events. From pickup hockey to bowling LOCS wouldn't be here with out you.

While we're at it we should also thank the SGA, Laurentian and Molson, especially Reid, for their support. Their donations of space, an e-mail address and prizes respectively have allowed us to run more successful and numerous events than ever in our history but, like I said we're only halfway through.

LOCS has a veritable bevy, nice word that bevy, of events lined up for the new year. We'll be kicking it off with a trip to the T dot to see the Toronto Rock crush whomever is unlucky enough to be matched against them. Soon after that will be

the second annual LOCS tourney. Interest in the tournament is so high we already have a couple teams signed up and have raised the number of teams from last year's event. Don't forget that you can come cheer your favourite team on to victory in the stands or our licensed gardens. Five on five not your thing? Then sign-up for the Laurentian Off-Campus Students' three on three tourney.

While you're getting your hockey fix don't forget to attend the SGA's Charity Ball, which will be happening in the intervening week between both tourneys. It promises to be a great time as all the events planned by Raye, the SGA's V.P. Services, always turn out to be. Three cheers for Raye! Speaking of formal events LOCS formal will be held on March eighth at the Caruso club. Tickets are already on sale and will be available at our early bird price of forty-five dollars for LOCS members, fifty-five for non-LOCS members, until spring break. Or pick up your tickets before Valentines day to

take advantage of our reduced prices.

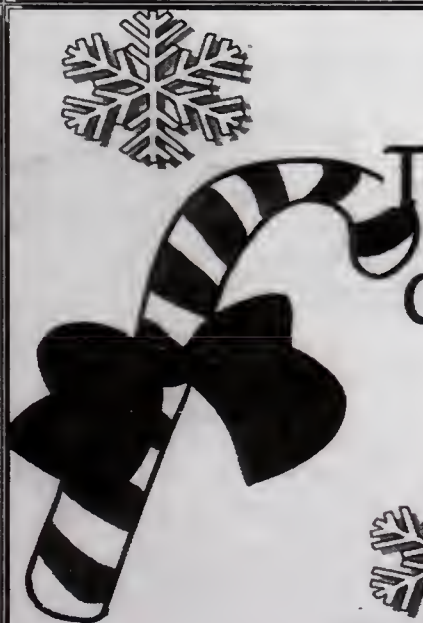
As always LOCS will be refunding intramural fees if they are accompanied by a receipt thus reduce your sporting costs. Which reminds me that we want to congratulate the winners of the basketball and curling tourneys. So congrats!

If you have any questions about the Laurentian Off-Campus Students' association, want to join or are just lonely, drop us a line at our new e-mail address: LOCS@Laurentian.ca We've just moved our data base of e-mail address from Hotmail to our new university e-mail account and as with all transitions there have been a few problems so if you aren't getting LOCS updates let us know. We'll get you back on our list as soon as possible. Our thanks goes to computer services for supplying us with an real Laurentian e-mail address. It has made our job much easier.

Anyway, that's about all take care and have a safe holiday.

Please Note:

The Pub Downunder will be closed after Dec. 13 for the holidays, and will re-open on January 7, 2004.



THE AMIABLE LIBRARIAN

This column is based upon remarks on the Compliments / Questions / Suggestions sheets near the exit of the J.N. Desmarais Library as well as on input from library staff as they react to

student concerns. If you would like to get in touch with the Amiable Librarian, email Lambda@laurentian.ca

Question: I notice the library is promoting RACER which is supposed to be a new interlibrary loan system. What is RACER and how will RACER be different from how most users currently request interlibrary loans?

Alice Walker

Answer: RACER stands for 'RAPID ACCESS TO COLLECTIONS BY ELECTRONIC REQUESTING'. This new integrated interlibrary loan system is:

- a discovery tool which allows users to search for materials simultaneously in any Ontario University Library catalogue and some additional catalogues including (Amicus, CISTI, British Library, Library of Congress, Ontario Public Libraries).

- an automated system which automatically populates an interlibrary loan request form with bibliographic information. That means, Alice, that you don't have to fill out interlibrary loan forms yourself.

RACER will also provide you with information on the status of your requests.

Here is a possible scenario for you using the RACER ... You decide to search Laurentian's catalogue for the book "Annoying the Victorians" but you do not find that book in our collection. You then hit a Request through interlibrary loan button which is a hyperlink to the RACER site.

At the RACER Web site, you can either

sign in using your name and barcode in order to be authorized for requesting interlibrary loans or at this point, you may just want to search the OPACs listed on the Search Screen.

You decide to just search and you choose the catalogues of Trent University and the University of Western Ontario as well as AMICUS, the catalogue of the National Library of Canada. After typing in "Annoying the Victorians", you find one result - but you don't really notice which database it was found in. Luckily you don't have to concern yourself with this information - you simply hit the Request button. Because you didn't log-in when you first came to the RACER web site you are prompted for a username & password (normally your last name, barcode and home institution).

Behind the scenes RACER pulls the information from the remote database and fills in the bibliographic information from your resulting search. This means that you don't have to type in any of the bibliographic data. You may be asked to fill in additional information, such as copyright compliance, date needed by, and pick-up location. You then submit your request.

By the way if you had not found a match for her title, you could have filled in a blank request form. At any time after placing your request, you can check the status of the request by logging into the RACER site. You may also receive messages

auto-generated by the system via email about the status of her request. So how is RACER different from what you have to do now? Three ways:

1. It is user friendly, web based, and allows for multiple catalogue searching
2. There is less typing since forms are automatically filled in via the search results
3. Finally RACER gives you the opportunity to track your requests through the system

Question: Why do we have a bunch of periodicals on swimming and backpacking when we do not have any for Nature, Neuroscience, Medicine, Cell Biology etc.?

Sven Diggs

Answer: Sven, the journals we have are designed to support the curriculum; nothing is purchased without the consent of the unit which pays for it. Since swimming and back-packing are included in courses taught in Human Kinetics, it is understandable that the library would carry journals on these topics. The Amiable is not sure whether you could call what we have "a bunch", certainly not in comparison to such subjects as Neuroscience and Cell Biology. If you search Laurentian's E-Journals A-Z from our home page, you will discover that in cell biology we carry 20 titles, at least with that phrase in the title; in Neuroscience, 33. Now that's a bunch!

Question: I would like to raise a concern about the health and safety of students in your library. I don't know if water or juice is allowed in the library but coffee certainly isn't. What is the difference? We need to be hydrated or "perked up" in order to do the work of a student. It doesn't help when the library tries to prevent you from studying and drinking at the same time. I was just wondering if the no beverage could be stretched a bit, and in so doing, show courtesy to your valued students?

Amy Carter

Answer: Amy, the library certainly does value its students-in fact if students weren't around, none of us would have jobs. For that reason, you are encouraged to bring bottled water into the facility. There are also water fountains available. (By the way, the Amiable once worked in a library which had a wide-open drinking policy, and around exam time in particular, some students came in with bottles of Fresca and gin; others carried in cold beer. Now we won't want that to happen at Laurentian, would we?)

Laurentian University graduate students receive awards

On Friday, November 14, Laurentian University brought its Research Awareness Week to a close with the fourth annual Graduate Student Miniconference, which highlighted the research being carried out by master's students. The presentations spanned a wide spectrum of knowledge, including humanities, biological, chemical and geological sciences, physics, engineering, human development, nursing and history.

The prizes awarded to the three best papers were sponsored by the Graduate Student Association. The winner of the first prize (\$300) is Stephanie Giroux (M.A. in Humanities) for her talk on "The South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission: A Perspective on Memory, Violence and Testimony." The winner of the second prize (\$200) is Susan Cook (M.Sc. in Geology) for her presentation entitled "Describing Absorption Bands in the Reflectance Spectra of Rocks." The co-winners of the third prize (\$150 each) are Kendra Patrick (M.Sc. in Biology) who spoke about the "Timing of Ice Cover and Lake Stratification in Clear and Coloured Lakes" and Adam Boyle (M.A. in History) who dealt with "Murder in the Demilitarized Zone: The Panmunjom Tree

Incident."

The three faculty members and the graduate student who formed the judges panel were impressed by the quality of the research and inquiry presented. They found it a welcome challenge to decide on the top three.

Laurentian University celebrated Research Awareness Week from November 10 to 14, highlighting research initiatives in various disciplines at Laurentian. It also celebrated the numerous accomplishments of researchers at the University and the benefits this research activity has for the citizens of the Greater Sudbury community and beyond.

For more information, please call Dr. Paul Colilli, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at Laurentian University, at (705) 675 1151, ext. 3423.

Taking part in the fourth annual Graduate Student Miniconference were: Kendra Patrick, 3rd place; Susan Cook, 2nd place; Dr. Doug Parker, LU Vice-President, Academic (Anglophone Affairs); Stephanie Giroux, 1st place; Corina Vernescu, President of the LU Graduate Student Association; and Adam Boyle, 3rd place.

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Lady Vees* Downed by Queen's

The Laurentian Lady Vees' could not muster enough offense on Saturday night as they lost a tough one 79-68 at the hands of Queen's University. The game was played at the Ben Avery Gym.

The first half was controlled by Laurentian and they went into halftime with an 11 point spread, leading by a score of 46-35. The second half however was dominated by Queen's as they outscored the Lady Vees' 44-22.

The Lady Vees' were led by Timmy Hoo (Huntsville, ON) who had 19 points along with 8 rebounds and 4 assists, and Cassandra Carpenter (Kanata, ON) who scored 17 points.

Scoring double digits for Queen's were Erin McDiamid with 24 points and 11 boards, as well as Amy Goodday who chipped in with 14 points and 6 rebounds.

Lady Vees' Head Coach Mike Clark said that "this was a tough pill to swallow" but indicated that his team still played very well at times in the game.

The Lady Vees' now enjoy over a month off before returning to action after the Christmas break on January 9th, 2004 when they travel to Windsor for a 6:00PM start.

Laurentian Swim Team Finishes Third Overall

The Laurentian swim team had an impressive performance at the Divisional Championships this past weekend as they placed third overall at the University of Guelph Pool.

The Lady Vees' had many remarkable swims with new records set along with CIS Championship qualifying swims. Stephanie Kuhn (Timmins, Ont.) had two qualifying swims in the 200 IM and 100 FL with times of 2:23:67 and 1:04:28 respectively. Also, Courtney Hicks (Burlington, Ont.) had a qualifying swim in the 200 FL and finished with a time of 2:26:83.

The Lady Vees' also had record breaking swims in the 4X50 MR relay and the 4X100 FR relay. The Laurentian "A" team finished fourth with a time of 2:08:74 in the 4X50 MR relay. In the 4X100 FR relay, the Laurentian "A" squad consisting of Kuhn, Lauren Coughtry (Waverly, NS), Leila Angrand (Sudbury, Ont.), and Elisha James (Blackstock, Ont.), finished second with a time of 4:04:09 that broke the old Voyageur record.

Coach Phil Parker stated, "I am very pleased with the results. We had many new records set and it was great to see everyone competing with

confidence."

On the men's side, the Aqua Vees' had much of the same results as the women. The Vees' had four CIS Championships qualifying swims as well as breaking two divisional championship records.

Marshall Bonner (Lotus, Ont.) led the way for the Vees' having two qualifying swims in the 50 BK and 100 BK with times of 26:90 and 58:07 respectively. Bonner's swim in the 50 BK broke the old divisional record time. Willie Paul (Sudbury, Ont.) also broke a divisional record with a time of 2:07:39 in the 200 FL race as well as qualifying for the CIS Championships in March. Ryan Smith had the final CIS qualifying swim of the meet in the 400 IM with a time of 4:34:93.

Coach Phil Parker said that he was satisfied with the results of his team and that they showed great skill level against the larger teams from the competing schools.

The Laurentian Swim team will break for the holidays and will continue their season Sunday January 18, 2004 when they travel to Toronto to face Brock and U of T.

Voyageurs* Lose Close Battle With Queen's

Queen's University was simply too much for the Voyageurs' to handle on Saturday night. They beat Laurentian by a final score of 59-53. The game was held at the Ben Avery Gym.

The first half of the game was very tight with both teams exchanging baskets. The Voyageurs' went into the halftime break with a two point lead, 32-30.

The second half saw Queen's come out strong and take the lead and keep it. They out rebounded the Voyageurs' in the game 44-30.

Andrew Greig (Tofino, BC) provided much of the offense for the Voyageurs' as he registered 21 points and six rebounds.

Voyageurs' Head Coach Virgil Hill said "It came down to execution and defensive play and they were better than us. They out rebounded us by 14 and we missed way too many lay-ups."

The Voyageurs' will now get some time off before heading to Cuba on December 28th to partake in a tournament.

The next regular season game for the Voyageurs' is on January 9th, 2004 when they will go to Windsor for a scheduled 8:00PM tip-off.

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Laurentian's Western Connection

L Laurentian University may be a small Northern Ontario school, but athletes from across the country are drawn to the cold white North, if not for the Big Nickel, then perhaps for Friday and Saturday night basketball.

Laurentian Basketball teams have recruits from all over Ontario and the country, but the Western Connection, consisting of Andy Greig, Colin Yates, and Brody Bishop have chosen to be a part of this year's Men's basketball squad.

Virgil Hill, Head Coach of the Voyageurs, was recently asked why he traveled to BC to recruit players for the team in Sudbury. He replied by stating, "I have played as well as coached out in BC so I know of the talent that is in the West. There are challenges that the recruits have to face in coming to Sudbury, which sometimes makes it difficult to bring them here. Also, the players don't know what Laurentian has to offer, so I have to bring them up to speed with the facts about LU and the city of Sudbury to pull them away from their home."

Andy Greig is from the city of Tofino, BC

and is registered in his fourth year of the Human Kinetics program. In a recent interview, Greig said, "LU is a great school. It has small class sizes, and my choice of program played a large factor in coming to Sudbury." Greig added that he liked the way the league (OUA) operated and he knew the way Hill coached, which was one of the major draws as well, to come and play for the Laurentian Voyageurs.

Hill commented, "Andy is one of the top five shooters in the country. His work ethic is strong, and initially Andy lacked versatility, but has developed into a well-rounded triple threat player."

The second player in the Western Connection is Colin Yates. Yates joined us from Prince Rupert, BC and his varsity career started a bit differently than others. The year that Yates was recruited by Hill, he was not registered in a post-secondary institution, but that quickly changed once his high school coach discovered this information. His coach called Hill and once

Yates showed his talent, Virgil immediately asked Yates to come to Laurentian and play for his team.

Yates, who is registered in his fourth year of the Law and Justice program, claimed that his program was not a draw to come to Sudbury, but he knew Hill and was fond of Hill's coaching abilities.

Coach Hill pointed out, "Colin has a very high skill level as well as athleticism. He does not have a large amount of physical strength, but when he is on the court, he is hard to beat."

The final piece of the Western threesome is Brody Bishop. Bishop is also from Prince Rupert, BC and is completing his second year in the Human Kinetics program at LU.

Hill noted, "Bishop has an excellent understanding of the game with a high basketball IQ level. He is also a good passer that sees the whole court. One thing that Brody could improve on is his physical strength as well as his athleticism, but overall he is an excellent player and

Pat and Mario's Athletes of the Week

L Laurentian Athletics is pleased to announce Andrew Greig as this week's "Pat and Mario's Athlete of the Week".

The Voyageurs' were also in action this past weekend against RMC and Queen's University. LU split their matches as well defeating RMC 63-53 Friday, and they lost a hard fought battle to Queen's 59-53 Saturday at the Ben Avery Gymnasium.



Andrew Greig had excellent games for LU scoring over 20 points in each match. He also contributed six rebounds in the loss against the Queen's Golden Gaels.

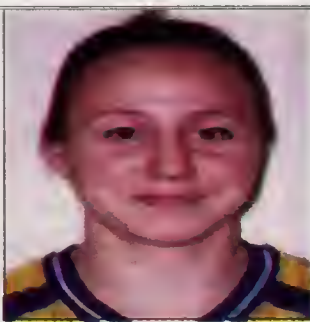
Andrew Greig is from Tofino, BC and is currently enrolled in his fourth year of the Human Kinetics program at LU.

The Men's basketball squad will return to action after the Christmas holidays when they travel to Windsor. Game time has been scheduled for 8:00 PM Friday January 9, 2004.

L Laurentian Athletics is pleased to announce Cassandra Carpenter as this week's "Pat and Mario's Athlete of the Week".

This past weekend, the Lady Vees' were in action against RMC and Queen's University. The Lady Vees' split their matches, defeating RMC 91-30 Friday night, and they lost to Queen's 79-68 on Saturday at the Ben Avery Gymnasium.

Cassandra Carpenter had an excellent start to the weekend games leading the Vees' in scoring



Friday night with 29 points. She also had 11 rebounds and six steals in the win against RMC. Carpenter closed the weekend off with another captivating performance Saturday night against Queen's with 17 points.

Cassandra Carpenter is from Kanata, Ont. and is registered in her first year of the Sports Education program at Laurentian University.

The Lady Vees' will break for the holidays and return to action Friday January 9, 2004 when they travel to Windsor. Game time has been set for 6:00 PM.

November's Team of the Month

L Laurentian Athletics is pleased to announce the Laurentian Swim Teams as "November's Team of the Month".

The Swim Teams had a great month with their third place finish at the Divisional Championships November 22 in Guelph, as well as a second place finish at the Guelph meet November 9.

At the Divisional Championships, LU set new records on the Men's side and had many qualifying swims for the CIS Championships in March from both teams. Stephanie Kuhn (Timmins, Ont.) qualified in the 200 IM and 100 FL race and Courtney Hicks (Burlington, Ont.) qualified for the Championships with her swim in the 200 FL.

Marshall Bonner (Lotus, Ont.) led the way for the Vees' at the Divisional Championships with two qualifying swims in the 50 BK and 100 BK with times of 26:90 and 58:07 respectively. Bonner's swim in the 50 BK broke the old divisional record time. Willie Paul (Sudbury, Ont.) also broke a divisional record with a time of 2:07:39 in the 200 FL race as

well as qualifying for the CIS Championships in March. Ryan Smith had the final CIS qualifying swim of the meet for LU in the 400 IM with a time of 4:34:93.

At the November 9 meet in Guelph, LU had great performances from all swimmers. Two swimmers that stood out were rookie Matt Puttkemery (Stayner, Ont.) for the Aqua Vees' and Erin O'Neill (Sudbury, Ont.) on the Women's side. Puttkemery finished with season best times in the 100 BK, 200 BK, and 200 FR in Guelph, and O'Neill finished first in the 200 FL, while also picking up two second place finishes in the 200 IM and 200 BR to help the LU squad finish second overall.

Coach Phil Parker said that he was satisfied with the results of his team and that they showed great skill level against the larger teams from the competing schools at the Divisional Championships. He is hoping that they continue to improve for the next round of competition after the holidays.

The Laurentian Swim Teams will compete at their next meet, Sunday January 18, 2004 in Toronto against Brock and U of T. The meet is scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM.

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Intramural Co-ed Volleyball Registrations to be Held in January

By: **Sam Dawson & Trevor McGarry**
Co-Convenors of
Intramural Co-ed
Volleyball

Intramural Co-ed Volleyball registration is coming soon.

Registration will be held Monday, January 12, 2004 to Friday, January 16, 2004.

Only 36 teams will be able to enter into three divisions including competitive, semi competitive and recreation. The cost is only \$20 per team. Get your team together and sign up early, because the spots will go fast and you do not want to be disappointed.

To sign up you will need to go to the Active Living Office (B-226) located in the Ben Avery Building. The office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm, and is closed for lunch from 12pm to 1:30pm.

The season will run from February 3, 2004 to March 11, 2004, every Tuesday and Thursday nights from 9pm-midnight. Theme nights are planned and there are prizes to be won. If you need any more information, feel free to call Co-Convenors Sam at 670-2619 or Trevor at 566-9900.

Intramural Cross Country Skiing Coming Quick!

By: **Sarah Pitt**

Laurentian's Intramural Cross-Country Skiing event is just around the corner and will take place on January 30, 2004.

It's free of charge so dig those skis out of the closet and come out and join us for a day of fun. If you don't have your own skis borrow some from a friend or rent them at the event

for only \$2.

Registration begins Monday, January 12, 2004 and runs through to Friday, January 16, 2004 in the Active Living Office (B-226) which is located in the Ben Avery Building.

The office is open from 9 am until 12 pm and again from 1:30 pm until 4 pm. Don't be shy, come out and have a good time, there are PRIZES for everyone!!

Intramural Co-ed Innertube Waterpolo and Water Basketball Coming Next Year

By: **Brent Poulsen & Tara Mowat**
Co-Convenors

For all you water lovers we have a wicked and exciting Intramural Sport making our way to the Olympic Gold Pool.

We are having an Innertube Waterpolo and Water Basketball tournament, right at our own Laurentian Pool. Grab your swim suit and come on out for a good time. The event will take place Sunday February 8, 2004 from 3 to 6pm. Come on out and sign up ASAP.

Registration takes place Monday

January 12, 2004 until Friday January 16, 2004 at the Active Living office (B-266) located at the Ben Avery Building. The office is open from 9am to 4 pm, and closed for lunch from 12pm to 1:30pm.

There is a limited amount of space, so grab a few friends and bounce on down to the Active living office to sign up. If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact us at ba_poulsen@laurentian.ca, or tx_mowat@laurentian.ca.

Intramural Men's Basketball a Huge Success

By: **Sarah Pitt**

This year's Men's Intramural Basketball was a slam Dunk! All teams participated with enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the season.

The Convenors are pleased to announce the following winners: The top Competitive teams were: 1st Place: Huntington #1 2nd Place: Street Ballin' 3rd Place: Shock The top Recreational teams were: 1st Place: Thunder Bellies 2ND Place: The Jiggy Flys 3rd Place: Regent Rejects The prize donations given were from Pegasus Health Club, Staples, and Pro-AM Sports.

These awards were given out to players who exhibited excellent participation and sportsmanship. The top prizes were two, three-month memberships to Pegasus Health Club. The recipients of these memberships were Francis Martinez from the Competitive Division and Shawn Wicks from the Recreational Division. The Convenors would like to thank Dorthey Pitzel; Intramural Coordinator, Angie Allaire; Head Convenor and Kim Nicholl; Intramural Assistant for all of their time and efforts throughout this season.

Special thanks also goes out to the Laurentian Men's Varsity Basketball team who refereed all of the games, and to everyone else who helped make this year's Intramural Basketball season a great success.

Laurentian Christian Fellowship (LCF) Welcomes International Students and Shares Canadian Traditions with them.

By: **Barbara Hein**
Coordinator, Spiritual Life
Services

Did you know that Laurentian University has students from 46 different countries studying here this year?

In fact, our university is home to over 400 International students, over half of which come from mainland China. Since these students are such a long way from home, Laurentian Christian Fellowship (LCF) wanted to do something to welcome these students and share some of our Canadian traditions with them. So, in 1986 the first International Students Christmas Dinner was put on for the 40 or so international students at that time. Since then it has become a tradition for LCF to host an annual Christmas dinner and this year was no exception.

Although the venue has changed to the Great Hall and the number of turkeys



has increased from two to eleven, a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings was wonderfully prepared by Pierre and his staff at Aramark. A special thanks is extended to Pierre and Jill and all the people at Aramark who worked so hard to make this evening a success.

Of the 300 or so students that attended the dinner, some remarked that it was the best real meal they had had in weeks. Members of several local churches volunteered to help serve at the dinner, as well as provide many kinds of delicious desserts, which were a big hit with the students. This dinner would not have been possible without the generous donations of many local grocery and department stores.

LCF would like to thank A&P on Regent St., Super C at both locations, Food Basics on LaSalle, Poulton's Independent Grocers, Canadian Tire on Barrydowne, Walmart, Herbies, National Grocers, Watts Distributors, Bunsmaster, and Weston Bakery.

The International Students Christmas Dinner was a great way to kick off the Christmas Season. In the spirit of Christmas, LCF would like to wish everyone a Christmas filled with love, joy and peace and echo what the angels declared 2000 years ago, "peace on earth and good will to all people."

In Your Own Words

By: Kristin Grant-Smith

I should make myself clear I have nothing against Sudbury Coalition Against Poverty (S-CAP), it is good that they are out there trying to make a difference.

I merely think that they have unrealistic expectations of how quickly the government can make changes and what these changes can entail. This is evident in their flyer which states "over a month of Liberal leadership, still no change?" and "yet, over a month on the job the liberals have yet to live up to their promises." I think that it is ridiculous to expect change so soon after an election. A new party can not just walk in and start making changes left and right, this is not Nazi Germany.

There are so many things to consider before a government can make changes, such as looking forming a committee to look at existing legislation and establish what changes need to be made, then from there it has to be passed through both houses before it can become law. This process cannot be expected to be completed in a month.

Especially for legislation involving finances, because the government has to take time and organize their budget before figuring out what they are able to do, and what their limits are. Plus the government can only do

one thing at a time. They cannot simply begin to spend with out consideration just to begin keep their promises immediately.

This is especially true with the changes that S-CAP are asking for. Such as "building thousands of units of social housing a year," This cannot be done hurriedly, there has to be financial estimates and budgeting done, to see just how many houses can be built in a year, and plus there is the issue of finding a contractor, etc.

Once again S-CAP is asking for a couple more things that cannot be done immediately because of budget considerations such as raise "the social assistance rates by the 22% they were cut by the Tories" and "raise the minimum wage to \$10 an hour." To expect a business to immediately raise their employees wages by \$3.15 an hour could spell financial ruin, and is something that needs to be gradually implemented to help everyone involved.

It needs to be remembered that behind big business are people with families to support and yes so to the workers, but all these people have to be taken into account, not just the worker. (I am speaking from the point of view of both the child of a businessman and as a minimum wage worker). I would not want

anyone to become poor so I could have an extra \$3 an hour, I would rather have it slowly increased over time, which would be more fiscally responsible.

Although I am not against S-Cap there is one thing that they are demanding for and that is ending of "the lifetime ban for so called 'welfare fraud.'" While I am not against those on welfare, as a poor student, I understand financial need. Despite this I think that those who abuse the system should be not privy to it. It is fine for our money to be used appropriately to the help the less fortunate. Our hard earned money should not be used to support those who abuse the system that is there to help those in need end of story.

This article is not an anti-Sudbury Coalition Against Poverty one, I am simply stating to those affiliated to be patient! I would suggest, that if in a year of the provincial government has yet to deliver on a single promise, then that would be the time for action. Time needs to be given to the new government, but it requires faith, and that is what we gave them when we elected them. Rome was not built in a day, change will happen, but it will not happen right away.

BLINK-182 DEBUTS AT #1 IN CANADA CANADIAN FANS ARE DEFINITELY 'FEELING THIS'

In a week that saw many notable album releases, San Diegan pop/punk rockers blink-182 took the top spot on the Canadian SoundScan chart this week. Following on the heels of 2001's Take Off Your Pants and Jacket, which also debuted at #1 and went on to almost 3X Platinum in Canada, blink-182's new untitled (not self-titled) album sold an impressive 31,000 copies in its first week.

Mark, Tom and Travis spent the past year hard at work writing and recording their new album, and it's evident in the more mature and musically adventurous sound. The first single, 'Feeling This', has reached Top 5 on the Rock airplay chart in Canada. The David LaChapelle-directed video clip, which sees the band at a punk-style reform school, has been in heavy rotation on both MuchMusic and MusiquePlus since it was released.

blink-182 has just finished the US leg of their very successful 'Dolla Bill' tour, where tickets to the small club shows were available for only a dollar. The band will be in Toronto for one last sold-out 'Dolla Bill' show on December 2nd at the Phoenix.

Look for blink-182 to bring their unique brand of SoCal pop-punk to a city near you in 2004.



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Laurentian University researchers are major contributors to the new SNOLAB facility

Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University, today confirmed that several researchers from the University's Department of Physics and Astronomy will participate in the establishment of SNO-LAB, a new international facility for underground science in Canada. Laurentian researchers are Professors Jacques Farine, Doug Hallman and Clarence Virtue, and research associates, Drs. Bassam Aharmim, Fabrice Fleurot and André Krueger.

Their participation is made possible following the announcement earlier today, by the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI), of an investment of \$38.9 million towards the transformation of the existing world-class Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO)

experiment into an expanded research facility capable of accommodating several such concurrent experiments.

"The Strategic Research Plan of Laurentian University aims to build on existing strengths and to capitalize on unique opportunities. Today's announcement demonstrates that we share this strategy with the CFI," said Dr. Judith Woodsworth, President of Laurentian University. "We are proud of the accomplishments of our faculty within the SNO collaboration that have led to this extraordinary development for Canadian science. We look forward to playing an important role in the support of this fascinating human journey of discovering our universe from the depths of an Inco mine." SNOLAB will conduct experiments

that build on the success of the original SNO experiment. The new facility will enable significant breakthroughs in basic physics by addressing critical questions in particle astrophysics (such as the origin and evolution of the universe) and build new partnerships with international researchers and facilities of the highest caliber.

The Laurentian research group has been deeply involved in the SNO experiment, advancing several of the core technologies that made that experiment possible and that are at the heart of future experiments which one day may be located in the new SNO-LAB. The group is very excited about the opportunities for future research and collaboration that the new lab brings and is currently very active in exploring the range

of possibilities for future research directions.

"The creation of SNOLAB is a testament to the strength of the particle astrophysics community in Canada, and in particular to the outstanding success of the SNO experiment," said Prof. Clarence Virtue, Principal Investigator at Laurentian. "For Laurentian University it represents an opportunity to collaborate at the highest international levels providing Northern Ontario students with unique research experiences."

"SNOLAB is a major international scientific collaboration that will bring together some of Canada's top researchers," said Dr. David Strangway, President and CEO of the CFI. "Today's announcement will help Canada maintain its leadership role in the field of astrophysics."

"This investment will give our local researchers unique access to an internationally recognized facility," said M. Raymond Bonin, MP for Nickel Belt. "SNOLAB will expand the world-class research opportunities right here in Sudbury," added Ms. Diane Marleau, MP for Sudbury.

"This project represents a bold step into the future for our research community and for our country," said Industry Minister Allan Rock. "This new facility will showcase the best of Canadian research to the world, and enable our researchers to continue making a significant impact on international science."

The CFI funds were awarded today to a consortium of six Canadian universities including: Carleton University, University of British Columbia, University of Guelph, Laurentian University, Queen's University, and l'Université de Montréal. Andy Mitchell, Secretary of State (Rural Development) (Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario) on behalf of Allan Rock, Minister of Industry joined Dr. Strangway to make the announcement at Science North in Sudbury, Ontario.

"This strategic investment by the CFI will further strengthen Canada's world-class scientific capability and ensure our continued leadership among developed nations in this area," said Dr. Rey Pagtakhan, Secretary of State (Science, Research and Development).

The CFI is an independent corporation established by the Government of Canada in 1997 to strengthen the capacity of Canadian universities, colleges, research hospitals, and other non-profit research organizations to carry out world-class research and technology development.



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Another Top Ten List...Well, Top Twelve

By: Chas Anselmo

With the year quickly coming to an end, I decided that I should be like every other music reviewer on the planet and do a list to close out the year. However, when I went back looked over the albums that I enjoyed over 2003, nothing stood out as a classic or something that I would take with me to a deserted island.

What albums would I take to an isolated land? First, the question exists in a High Fidelity-like world and caused great frustration and difficulty when someone first posed it to me at a place that mirrors Championship Vinyl. Hours of going over album and album to create a list that I think truly represents my love for recorded sounds (In no particular order)

Nirvana: *Nevermind*

What cannot be said about this album?? I know that I am not the only person to say that this album played a major influence on what they still listen. A perfect but eventually tragic blend of anger and melody. Well deserving of CLASSIC distinction.

Red Hot Chili Peppers: *Blood Sugar Sex Magic*

Another album released in the early 90s that set the tone for a decade of music and onwards (true fathers of rap-metal/rock!!!). With tracks like "Under the Bridge" and "Give It Away", the Peppers attained musical perfection with this gem.

Pink Floyd: *Dark Side of the Moon*

Is a discussion even needed for this one? I know this would be an obvious choice but it is the Pink Floyd album I enjoy the most. The album is just so f#\$%ing cool from start to finish and that is without the whole Wizard of Oz thing it may or may not have.

Frank Zappa: *Apostrophe*

The master of bizarre guitar created something beautiful to the ears when he released *Apostrophe*. For anyone who loves guitar, pick up this one and discover the musical genius of Frank Zappa.

Lou Reed: *Transformer*

He is second coolest person on this list (one is coming up). With the help of David Bowie, Reed released a piece of music history with *Transformer*. "Walk on the Wildside" and "Perfect Day" exist onto themselves.

Rancid: *And Out Come the Wolves*

A punk masterpiece. What Rancid did on this album is almost unexplainable. These punk rawkers melded the sounds of countless influences to create. I remember waiting to hear this album and I think it stayed in my CD player for months afterward.

Queens of the Stone Age: *Songs for the Deaf*

Nothing like a little desert rock set to the radio motif. A collection of songs that show what QOTSA. A true collaboration and one of the only albums released in the past few years that never gets old.

The Beatles: *Revolver*

C'mon, they are the greatest band that ever lived. Need I say more? This just happens to be my fave of the collection. Nothing like a little "Tomorrow

Never Knows" to get me going in the morning.

Ben Harper: *Fight For Your Mind*

First time I heard this album, my jaw dropped. To be honest, I do not think I have picked it up. The album is mind-blowing from start to finish. Harper shows us that he is no one-trick pony with songs like "Burn One Down" and "God Fearing Man."

Funkadelic: *Maggot Brain*

If Jimi Hendrix is considered a rock god, then George Clinton and Funkadelic are his alien cousins. This little known funk-rock album is the ultimate funk album. True funk not that crap that today's R and B artists call funk. Funkadelic played F-U-N-K. Listen to "Super Stupid" and you will agree.

Miles Davis: *Bitches Brew*

The coolest cat on this list. This album revolutionized jazz. With the help of John McLaughlin, Davis turned his back on traditional jazz and introduced the world to fusion.

The Black Crowes: *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion*

One of my favourite bands of all-time. The raunchy guitar sounds accompanied by the screech of Chris Robinson shows what the band could do when they were at each other's throats. Sibling rivalry inspired a southern-fried record that anyone could share a cold one to.

So, there ya have it. This is my list.

Even as I finish writing this, I know I am missing something but this has caused enough headaches. Well, everyone out there have a great holiday and to steal the phrase of a Canadian treasure, Nardwuar... "Keep On Rockin' In the Free World and DOOT DOOTLE LOO DOOT.....DOOT DOOT!"

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MUCH MUSIC To Hold Video Shoot at Laurentian University's Teacher's College

On Sunday, December 7th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Icedrum Media Ltd will begin production of the third music video for Rap/Rockers Konflikt Dramatik to be shot on location in Greater Sudbury.

Keyscenes for this Rock Video will be filmed in a freight elevator at the Teachers College at Laurentian University on Sunday December 7th.

An open casting call is being held at the Teachers College location during the video shoot December 7th. The premise of the video will involve a "circus-like" atmosphere involving funny, crude and shocking scenes occurring within the freight elevator. Individuals with unique talents, physical attributes or other elements that would appear shocking, disturbing or hilarious on camera are asked to attend. The type of characters and extras would include:

- exotic dancers / hip-hop dancers / punk-slam dancers
- people with large noticeable face/tongue piercings / tattoos + vivid facial makeup & hairstyles

- people who are vertically challenged (little people/midgets)
- people who have access to/will wear realistic horror makeup/plastics and ooze/spit theatrical blood
- people with snakes longer than 3 feet in length
- contortionists/people wearing any large prosthesis
- people with access to "petting-farm" sized animals, i.e., goat, sheep, duck, pig, etc.
- stilt-walkers
- skateboarders who can perform incredible stunts in a very small space
- people who will arrive in crazy makeup/costumes/wigs/masks and act weird or silly on camera
- people who are comfortable appearing on camera wearing limited amounts of clothing
- anyone who can visually and/or physically offer something on camera that will appear just plain strange...

Interested individuals must confirm their availability in advance. For questions or to offer additional suggestions please contact Icedrum Media Ltd at 566-7778 (leave voice-mail if necessary) or email info@icedrum.com.

New Year's Eve's a Rockin' at the Townehouse!

Sudbury's favourite Ska, Swing, Rocksteady party band, The Smokers will reunite for one night only this year. New Year's Eve at The Townehouse Tavern.

The Smokers were a hard working band from 96-99 before frontman/ sax player Josh Furhman moved to Montreal. Since then, the band has seldom played, but has remained dear to the hearts of fans as when they have had a reunion, they have always filled the Townehouse to the brim. They were one of the most popular bands to perform at NLFB '98, they starred in a much played Gagnon Opticians TV commercial and had a short documentary made about them that showed at Cinefest.

Tickets for the evening will go on sale immediately at The Townehouse Tavern, 206 Elgin St. This event will be 19 and over only. Tickets are \$12.00 advance and \$15 at the door and will include light dinner, midnight toast, party favours and opening bands. For more information, contact the Townehouse Tavern at (705) 674-6883 or by email at paulfromsudbury@sympatico.ca.

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